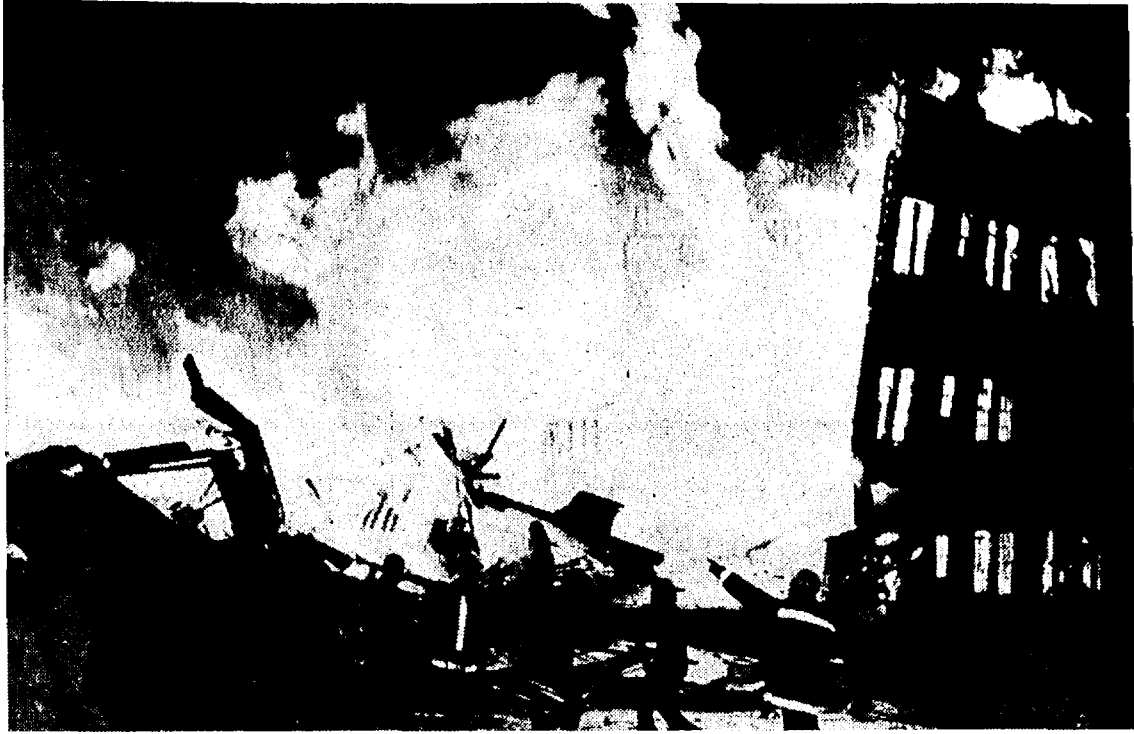


Jet Turns Apartments Into Inferno



APARTMENTS BURN AFTER PLANE CRASH: Firefighters survey the scene of a crash of a U.S. Navy plane that hit an apartment building late Wednesday

night. The A7 Corsair fighter jet out of Lemoore Naval Station near Fresno, Calif., destroyed a 40-unit apartment building. (AP Wirephoto)



COMPLETE DESTRUCTION: Remains of an apartment house are consumed by flames following a Naval plane crash and explosion Wednesday night. Witnesses

said they did not see how anyone could have escaped that happened to be in the house. (AP Wirephoto)

Plan Will Cure School Woes, Milliken Says

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Gov. William Milliken says a \$108 million hike in state aid can cure the problem of financing Michigan's public schools.

And he says the state still will be left with enough money for a \$370 million tax cut over the next two fiscal years.

In a special message to the Michigan Legislature Wednesday night, Milliken outlined proposals to meet the Michigan Supreme Court's demand to even up the differences in property taxes between districts with rich and poor tax bases.

The governor also delivered a separate address to Michigan citizens.

Milliken called for state aid to public schools for the 1973-74 school year to total \$1,220,709,600. The actual appropriation for the current school year ending June 30 is \$1,111,986,317, he said.

"Through the combination of higher spending and lower student enrollment statewide, my proposed education budget contains the largest increase in per pupil support in Michigan history—an average of 11.3 per cent," he said.

The proposals generally coincided in most ways with those in a bill drafted by Sen. Gilbert Bursley, R-Ann Arbor, chairman of the Senate Education Committee. Bursley said Wednesday night he already had the signatures of 19 Senate colleagues on the bill.

Milliken also proposed that the Detroit Board of Education be allowed to borrow money from commercial lenders to meet an estimated \$73 million deficit.

Milliken said Detroit schools now face the threat of closing after March 15, "the date when

the schools in Detroit will run out of operating money."

The governor indicated he would not block any proposals being considered in the Legislature to give the Detroit Board of Education the power to impose local taxes to pay off the

Sen. Zollar Calls Milliken School Plan 'Realistic'

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Immediate legislative reaction to Gov. William Milliken's education reform package ran from applause through skepticism to derision.

Milliken "is on the right track," said Rep. Clifford Smart of Walled Lake, the House Republican Leader.

He said Milliken "has recognized the short and long range problems. I am hopeful that we can have this approach work while not jeopardizing the budget surplus we have and still providing for tax reductions."

Sen. Charles O. Zollar, R-Benton Harbor, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, called Milliken's proposal for a \$109 million increase in State School Aid "realistic" and predicted "no difficulty" in winning Senate passage.

"There is no question that we can fund education and as he proposes and have a tax cut, too, if teachers don't try to grab off all the gain," Zollar said.

Terry Herndon, executive secretary of the Michigan Education Association, said, however, he was "disappointed" that Milliken "made no specific suggestions to improve the lot of current and future retired teachers."

Herndon said that asking the Legislature to recommend "improvements and changes does nothing for those retirees who need assistance right now."

However, he did not recommend any special type of tax. Bursley's bill proposes that the Detroit board be permitted to impose about a one per cent income tax hike.

The governor's main emphasis was on a concept called "yield equalizing," as the way to equalize the difference in tax base among districts.

"This would in effect provide that every mill of property tax levied in any school district would yield the same dollar per pupil all over the state," he said.

"Yield equalizing may be explained by an example," Milliken said. "A \$5,000 per pupil state equalized value (SEV) district receives \$5 per pupil from the local property tax for each mill it levies."

"Under my proposal, the state would allocate an additional \$33 per pupil for each mill to bring the total to \$38 a mill."

"In a school district with an

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ment of the formula in order to expedite the planning efforts of local school districts," Herndon said.

Senate Republican Leader Robert VanderLaan of Kentwood applauded Milliken's proposal as "the first State School Aid act in my ten years here that does what it ought to do—equalize educational opportunity at least dollarwise."

VanderLaan, however, predicted thorns in the legislative thick for the measure. "I think it is overly generous to increase the education dollars 11.3 per cent. We might run into some difficulty because of the size of the increase, which normally is only about seven or eight per cent," he said.

Milliken's program also fails to provide for property tax relief, "which many members of the Legislature, including myself, felt was important," VanderLaan said.

He also said objections might be voiced over giving Detroit \$5 million of the \$7 million increase in overburden funding.

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NEW BUFFALO — A Robinson-Lyles memorial fund has been established by the New Buffalo high school student senate.

Proceeds from the fund will be turned over to the families of Gene (Tony) Robinson and Pierre F. Lyles to cover medical and funeral expenses not paid by family insurance policies, according to New Buffalo principal Ronald Morrison.

He said a number of contributions to the fund already have been made by students and faculty members and by some citizens.



CRASH SITE: Map locates where U.S. Navy plane crashed into apartment building at Alameda, Calif., across the bay from San Francisco. (AP Wirephoto)

Biggest Railroad Is Closed By Strike

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Striking trainmen shut down the Penn Central today in a last-ditch bid to keep the nation's largest railroad from cutting train crews, a cornerstone of the bankrupt line's struggle for survival.

Some 300,000 daily passengers, a majority of them commuters in major Eastern and

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Scores Feared Dead In California City

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP) — Rescue crews searched today for more victims believed buried in charred debris after a Navy fighter jet crashed into an apartment house and exploded, touching off an inferno that spread to two adjoining apartment buildings. The local fire chief said as many as 40 persons may have perished.

Four persons were known dead and at least 17 were injured, with an unknown number of missing, including the plane's pilot. Many residents of the apartments were families of Navy men assigned to the nearby base where the plane was headed when it crashed Wednesday night.

Fire Chief Ernest Servente estimated that 42 to 45 tenants were inside when the jet slammed into the four-story, 27-unit stucco apartment building.

The building exploded in flames and witnesses said they saw only a very few people escape.

"I can't see how anyone

could survive that. It just cremated them," Servente said. Chief Deputy Coroner Roland W. Pahl said, "There's a good chance that many people were incinerated in certain areas by the intense fire."

Servente said that "it probably will take all day" for firemen, Marines, coroner's officials and rescue squad members to sift through the heap of steaming rubble that remained of the apartments.

Two big cranes were brought up to lift away large pieces of debris, but after four hours the cranes and men with shovels and pitchforks had made little headway.

Authorities said that in all, more than 200 persons were believed living in the buildings affected by the crash and fire in the San Francisco Bay area community.

"There's no question they're going to be pulling bodies out of there. There's no knowing how many are dead," said city councilman Malcolm Longaker.

Intense heat prevented work-

ers from entering the rubble for several hours after the 8:25 p.m. PST crash. Workers wearing asbestos clothing and firemen protected by a stream of water finally were able to start a search of the smoldering, charred debris.

Seventeen persons, most from nearby buildings, were treated for lacerations, burns and other minor injuries at Alameda Hospital, a spokesman said.

Pahl said the first three bodies recovered appeared to be those of two adults and a child.

"Some of the occupants were able to get out, but we do not know how many nor do we know the number of persons who were in the building at the time," he said. "As far as we've been able to determine, the building had about 28 units and all but two were occupied."

George Fulton, a neighbor, said the "whole place was involved with flames immediately, completely."

"There were people trying to jump out of the forward part of the building, jumping out the windows as it collapsed. Some looked like they were able to get out because there were people there pulling them out."

Capt. Richard Allmann, a safety officer for Naval Air Patrol, Pacific Fleet, said he received one eyewitness report that the plane was afire before it plunged into the apartments. He also said there had been re-

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HORNS A'PLENTY: Ken Kepley, of Independence, Mo., made this "tree" using an iron pipe and over 600 deer and elk antlers he collected while on hunting trips to Colorado. The horns had been shed by the animals. The unusual lawn ornament makes a handy landmark for anyone giving directions in the area. (AP Wirephoto)

Dowagiac Man Wins \$50,000!

MIDLAND — Harold Butts, 21, of 512 Green street, Dowagiac, won \$50,000 in the Michigan Lottery drawing held today at Midland.

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Fairplain "Dollar Days" start today and last through Sunday at Fairplain Plaza, not Jan. 8 to 11 as inadvertently stated on page one of an advertising section in Wednesday's paper. Stores will be open daily until 9 p.m. and from 12 to 6 p.m. Sunday.

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Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher
Bert Lindenfeld, Managing Editor

World Effort To Save Wildlife

The primary thrust in the environmental movement is how to improve the air, water and land for mankind's survival.

Though some members in the ecological uplift mention wildlife conservation as essential to the total effort, theirs is a somewhat muted voice. Reform movements have always worn blinders to concentrate upon an immediate objective in the line of sight.

Following is a thought provoking comment from Congressional Quarterly which emphasizes the broader viewpoint that the environment must be for all, not just for those of its inhabitants getting about on two legs.

"The time will come," Leonardo da Vinci said more than 400 years ago, "when men such as I will look on the murder of animals as they now look on the murder of men." The quintessential Renaissance Man turns out to have been a poor prophet. Numerous species of wildlife have become extinct since Leonardo's time, and more than 400 others are listed as endangered by the U.S. Department of Interior.

Now, very late in the day, the international community is preparing to draft a treaty that would protect endangered creatures. Representatives from more than 100 countries will meet in Washington for three weeks, starting Monday to put the document together. A key feature is expected to be a ban on international trade in animals and plants threatened with extinction.

The Washington meeting represents the culmination of years of work by both governments and private organizations. The International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, a non-governmental body, has proposed successive model conventions since 1963. Its latest offering, incorporating suggestions by Kenya and other foreign countries and

by private conservation groups, will be proposed by the United States as the basic working paper of the conference.

Many wildlife species that are now extinct were killed off because of man's greed for food, hides, and feathers. The great auk and the passenger pigeon are notable examples. A similar fate nearly befell the American bison. Today, the alligator, Bengal tiger, spotted cats, and several varieties of whale face eradication at the hands of human predators.

A more insidious threat may be human destruction and pollution of areas inhabited by wildlife. For example, there are now fewer than 200 pairs of peregrine falcons left in the United States, except in Alaska. Pesticides made the shells of their eggs too thin to survive incubation.

Draining of wetlands and clearing of woodlands are more destructive of wildlife than unrestricted hunting and fishing. Accordingly, the World Wildlife Fund announced two years ago that it was shifting its emphasis from preservation of an individual species to preservation of its natural habitat. William G. Conway, director of the New York Zoological Park, has observed, "You can't preserve an eagle, you have to preserve the forest."

There may be alternatives, however. A livestock farm at Lake Park, Fla., reports promising results in raising alligators. The animals are kept in fenced wetland areas unsuitable for cultivation and raised on a fish and poultry diet. The idea is to sell some of the alligators for their skins and to release others in wildlife refuges.

Major American zoos have formed a consortium to coordinate the breeding of endangered species in captivity, but wildlife experts concede that captive propagation is a last resort. If human population pressure and pollution continue to increase, however, the last resort may be the only one available.

Recognition For The Inventor

February 11, Thomas A. Edison's birthday, has been designated by Congress as National Inventors Day to honor the nation's inventors, past and present, for their contributions to making America the world's greatest industrial power.

The recognition comes nearly 183 years after the U.S. Patent System was established by Congress in a bill signed by George Washington on April 10, 1790. Its purpose was to encourage invention and innovation in the useful arts and sciences by granting limited monopolies in the form of patents.

The number of inventions that have been or are being protected by the U.S. Patent System is now approaching four million. Since patents run for only 17 years, about three million of those four million have expired.

In the early days, an inventor had to provide a miniature working model of his invention, but in time this built such a bulging repository that the requirement was dispensed with.

Many of these models can still be seen at the U.S. Patent Office in Crystal City, Va., and others in "the nation's attic," the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, including Eli Whitney's cotton gin and Cyrus McCormick's reaper.

Abraham Lincoln, himself holder of Patent No. 6,469 for a device to buoy vessels over low water areas, once said

that the patent system "added the fuel of interest to the fire of genius."

In a special message to Congress on science and technology in March, 1972, President Nixon paid tribute to the patent system for its important role in building and maintaining the nation's technological progress and industrial strength.

Last year an organization called Intellectual Property Owners, Inc., was formed to increase public awareness of and appreciation for the basic social and economic values of a strong patent system.

"Intellectual property" is a phrase which covers patents, trademarks, copyrights and other proprietary interests.

IPO was established because of growing uncertainties in recent years about the rights of patent owners as a result of actions by Congress, the antitrust division of the Justice Department and court decisions.

Far from shutting off competition, as is sometimes alleged, the patent protection period stimulates competition that leads to still better ideas, says William E. Schuyler, chairman of IPO and a former U.S. Commissioner of Patents.

"Because of the protection given an original idea, any rival producer has to do more than merely imitate a successful machine or product. He has to 'go back to the drawing board' and create something that is discernibly different. Often this leads to something that does the job better, or cheaper, or faster than the protected item.

"That's competition, productive, upgrading competition, and it's furthered by the patent system."

We need our inventors more than ever now that the comfortable technological leadership enjoyed by the United States for so many years is being challenged by other countries.

In 1971, the United States registered a \$1.5-billion balance of trade deficit, the first since 1893 and much of it attributable to the rising importation of high-technology products. The deficit tripled in 1972.

Recognition of America's inventors, past and present and, hopefully, future by means of National Inventor's Day has been long overdue.

Too Much To Ever Hope For



GLANCING BACKWARDS

ADMITTED TO BAR

— 1 Year Ago —

David H. Schwarz, son of Rabbi and Mrs. Joseph Schwarz of 432 Cayuga road, Benton Harbor, received a juris doctor degree from the University of Wisconsin law school with honors recently.

He has been admitted to the bar of the State of Wisconsin and also to practice before the federal district court for western Wisconsin. Schwarz is a 1964 graduate of Benton Harbor high school and a 1968 honors graduate of the University of Michigan.

LANCERS WIN FIRST GAME

— 10 Years Ago —

Lakeshore finally won a

basketball game after 10 straight defeats. The Lancers last night defeated Berrien Springs 58-49, in a Blossomland league game.

Bill Cesaroni led the Lancers out of the defeat rut by starting a rally in the last quarter that didn't let up until the game was over. Dave Bartz stole a pass and while falling he scooped the ball to Cesaroni who raced down the floor and scored a layup to put his team out in front, 42-41, with 6:44 left in the game.

PLANES BEIEGED INVASION ARMY

— 29 Years Ago —

United States planes poured tons of bombs yesterday on Cisterna to cripple that main

strongpoint of the Nazi line around the invasion bridgehead below Rome, while allied troops struck out in "aggressive patrol activity," allied headquarters announced today.

German patrols also were active in this vital sector, and Nazi artillery continued a heavy shelling of the beachhead. The allies further consolidated their positions, headquarters said.

ELECT UPTON

— 39 Years Ago —

Louis C. Upton, president of the Nineteen Hundred corporation including the Upton Machine company of this city, has been elected vice president of the Michigan Manufacturers association.

BUYS BUSINESS

— 49 Years Ago —

Ira Rathburn, driver for nine years for the McCracken taxicab line, has bought the business from the estate of the late W. W. McCracken, who died last November. "Ike," as Mr. Rathburn is known to his friends, is known as one of the most efficient drivers in the city.

NO DAMAGE

— 59 Years Ago —

The fire department was called to the William Tober home at 808 Wolcott avenue, where Hugo, 13-year-old son, was trying to build a fire in the cook stove and kerosene he was pouring on the wood caught fire. Neighbors helped extinguish the fire before any damage was done.

SELLS HOME

— 83 Years Ago —

O. Kingsley has sold his residence on Torres avenue to Captain Stines, who will occupy it as his home.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

HERE'S VOTE FOR DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Editor,

The strong opposition of the farmer group to Daylight Savings Time is puzzling. We must all agree that cows, strawberries, chickens, etc., can't tell time by the clock, so it's really man's schedule that's at issue.

To reconcile our thinking on this, let's look at some schedules of Standard Time (disted first) versus Daylight Savings Time:

	EST	DST
Sunrise	4:00 a.m.	5:00 a.m.
Milk cows	4:30 a.m.	5:30 a.m.
Dew dries (pickers start)	7:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m.
Crops to market	12:00 noon	1:00 p.m.
Market activity ends	5:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
Truckers leave	6:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.

The farmers have been complaining in recent years about pickers not being willing to report to work at unusually early hours. Daylight Savings Time would help. Farmers and pickers could sleep an hour later, putting them more in time with the "rest of the world." The market fruit buyers and truckers would have to change their schedules — a few hundred people at most. Doesn't seem like a big deal.

In today's hectic world, most of us have little enough time for leisure activities and free time to spend with our families. An extra hour of daylight in the evening for golf, swimming, picnics, boating, etc., would let us all enjoy more of our wonderful Michigan outdoors.

There's some chance the bars and movies would experience some slight fall-off in business. It's certainly understandable these interests would be against Daylight Savings Time.

There has been a lot of publicity against Daylight Savings Time in Southwestern Michigan. A lot of it from special interest groups — some of it from people they've influenced.

Here is my vote in favor of Daylight Savings Time.

Herman A. Robandt
St. Joseph

"THANKS TO YOU, IT'S WORKING"

Editor,

On behalf of the 1972 United Fund Campaign, I would like to take this means of thanking you for your efforts in our recent community drive. Your spirit of concern for the well being of our citizenry has not only made my task most rewarding, but is a reflection of the reason why our community is a fine place to live.

Because you and hundreds of other volunteers have accepted the challenge, we can most justifiably quote our 1972 campaign slogan: "THANKS TO YOU, IT'S WORKING."

Roy Shoemaker
General Campaign Chairman
United Community Fund

WANTS LIBERTY THEATRE SAVED

Editor,

What's going to happen to Liberty Theatre in Benton Harbor? Is it going to be allowed to sit vacant and deteriorate or perhaps be purchased by some concern showing tasteless grade B movies?

Even if the rest of Benton Harbor is allowed to turn into a modern day ghost town, this one fine piece of architecture should be rescued from the urban core decay.

This was the most beautiful theatre in our area and it should be put back in business or to some other worthwhile use.

Ronald M. Lee
Berrien Springs

Bruce Biossat



Must They Die To Be Judged?

WASHINGTON (NEA) — Reflection upon the American presidency, and the men who gain it, is inescapable at this time. We have inaugurated President Nixon a second time. Two former presidents, Harry Truman and Lyndon Johnson, have died within a month. And another, John F. Kennedy, is under new critical fire.

Death, of course, mutes criticism and magnifies praise. But both Truman and Johnson left office as highly controversial men.

It was the same for Kennedy when he was assassinated. Until that moment, liberals who later applauded him had been excoriating him as "all style and no substance."

Richard Nixon, even as he savors his unprecedented reelection victory and settles into another four years, hears the appellation "King Richard" and feels the lash for his alleged solitary high-handedness in office.

Is there no nice way to be president in this age?

Even though criticism of high public figures runs as a stout thread through our whole history, one is driven to search for special root elements in the attitudes critics exhibit toward recent presidents.

Activism marks all the presidents here mentioned, including Kennedy. A key thrust of the "new criticism" directed at him by author Henry Fairlie in his book, "The Kennedy Promise," is that — far from being mere stylistic strutters — Kennedy and his men were driven to a kind of restless motion which, as much as their fine words, lifted expectations too high.

But some historians have shown quite easily that the American people through time,

have preferred activism in their presidents. It can be demonstrated, indeed, that presidents who shift from seeming inaction to visible motion gain stature. It happened to Mr. Nixon in the second part of his first term, as he reached out to Peking and Moscow, moved toward peace and disarmament, grappled more forcefully with the domestic economy.

Moreover, the critics seldom have looked kindly upon presidents deemed to be inactive. The heaviest charge they laid upon Dwight D. Eisenhower was that he was "too passive" in the office. They appeared then to be yearning for an activism they now profess to see almost as an occupational disease of the presidency.

Their rendering of Eisenhower was, of course, seriously flawed. This "inactive" president ended the Korean war, put troops in Lebanon to quiet the Middle East, made active negative choices not to aid the French in Indochina and to dissuade them and the British at Suez, sent troops to Little Rock to enforce court desegregation orders he disliked, traveled more widely in the world than any president before him.

Richard Nixon has been roundly disliked by many since he became a public figure in 1947. But when he retires as president in 1977, he will have been at the highest plane of public life for a full generation.

Obviously he has qualities which register with the country. So, in varying measure, did his predecessors. Must we always wait for those distant judges, the historians, to tell us what these men really have?

Jeffrey Hunt



Abortion Ruling Will Deepen Gap

During the last decade, powerful tendencies toward fragmentation have come to the surface in American society. No doubt their sources have long been present, and it may be that they are irreversible. Black nationalism is only one spectacular example. The entire meaning of the counter-culture, for example, resides in its rejection of the norms of the surrounding society. And, more subtly, we have seen the rise of "ethnic consciousness," and with it, inevitably, a certain attenuation of the national idea, the notion of America as the foundation of identity.

The 7-2 ruling of the Supreme Court, which in effect completely legitimizes abortion during the first six months of pregnancy, will undoubtedly

have as its primary political effect the strengthening of those fragmenting tendencies. A great many Roman Catholics, and how many it is difficult to say, can scarcely do less than reconsider their relation to the larger American society.

To be sure, the polls suggest that a substantial number of Catholics do take a liberal position on abortion. Still others, caught up in their day-to-day existence, will swallow the court's ruling along with a lot of other undesirable features of modern life, and go on with their personal affairs.

But for many, the court's ruling is bound to mean a fundamental revision of their relation to the society. In the immediate future, public clinics and hospitals, supported out of the public treasury, will be performing abortions on a routine, mass basis. Can those who view abortion as a crime, perhaps even as murder, continue to contribute through their taxes to the public abortion mills? It seems to me that we are likely to face some spectacular, and perhaps even widespread, personal protests on this point.

Less activist Catholics will hold their noses and pay their taxes, but also — and in varying degrees, doubtless — experience a kind of spiritual withdrawal from the larger American society, an "inner emigration." They will be less inclined to participate in public life, less concerned over the ultimate fate of the country, less eager to advance the well-being of the nation.

Others, however, may become even more active in political matters, endeavoring through the political process to reverse the results of the court's ruling. This will be difficult, if not impossible, given the experience of trying to upset the earlier prayer ruling; but there is much talk already of a Constitutional amendment, and perhaps the thing can be done.

BERRY'S WORLD



"Parties in the city are so urbane! In the suburbs people talk about nothing but diets. Here, they talk about diets AND their own personal safety!"

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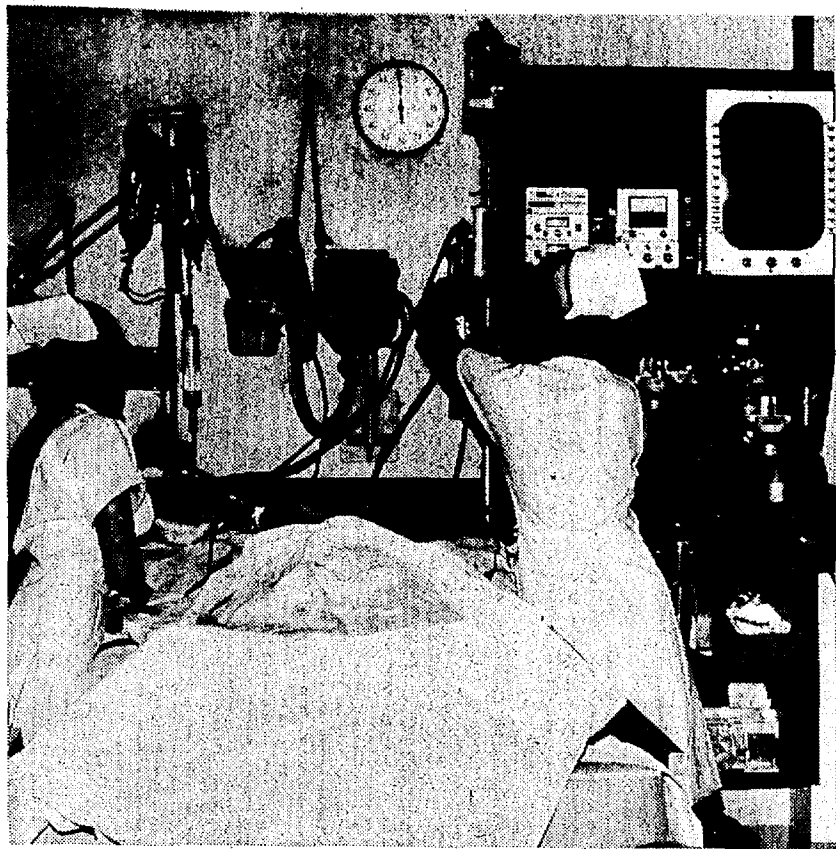
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Mercy Cardiac Team To Mark Milestone

Twice-Weekly Open-Heart Surgery Scheduled



CONSTANT CARE: Post-surgical-patients in Mercy hospital's cardio-care unit are under continual attention by nurses and delicate instruments that monitor the patient's vital signs. This team of nurses is Janet Selby, R.N., (left) and Carol Beltz, R.N.

Benton Harbor Mercy hospital's cardiac surgery team will mark a milestone next week in the effort to curb the rising death toll from southwestern Michigan's — and the nation's — number one killer, heart disease.

The hospital will begin a routine, twice-weekly schedule of open heart surgery for tri-county area patients.

The 11-person surgical team has performed three open-heart operations since Jan. 17. According to Dr. A. P. Lui, M.D., the hospital will normally schedule two open heart operations a week unless an unusually heavy patient load would make a more frequent schedule necessary. A cardiac surgeon, Dr. Lui heads the surgical team which includes two assisting surgeons, a physician anesthesiologist, four surgical nurses and three pump technicians.

With the exception of the cardiac surgeon, the membership of the surgical team may vary from operation to operation. The individuals selected for each open heart operation are all specially trained, however.

The patients thus far scheduled for cardiac surgery

at Mercy hospital range in age from 41 to 58 years. Most are in their 40's and are male. All are suffering from a form of coronary artery disease, a type of heart disease responsible for over 600,000 deaths each year in the United States.

"While we don't yet positively know the exact cause of coronary artery disease, we do know it's associated with an individual's diet, heredity and lifestyle," explained Dr. Lui. "We know it's more common in men, particularly those who have sedentary occupations, are subject to stress, eat a lot of cholesterol, and smoke."

Cholesterol has been identified as a major component in the fatty deposits that build up in the inside walls of the coronary arteries. A heart attack may occur when the deposits sufficiently restrict or block the flow of blood feeding the heart muscle.

To correct this condition, Mercy's surgical team may use a "aortic coronary bypass procedure," according to Dr. Lui. He explained that this technique, the latest and most effective open heart procedure of its kind, involves removing a section of a vein from the leg and using it to serve as a detour for a blocked coronary artery. The operation thus restores a more normal blood supply to the heart itself, and allows the patient to resume a normal way of life in the majority of cases.

Other open heart surgery procedures performed at Mercy hospital include operations to repair damaged heart valves or implant artificial valves when necessary, and various procedures to remove damaged or diseased portions of the heart muscle, repair injuries and correct congenital problems.

Open heart operations can span up to six hours or more, including approximately 2½ hours for the actual work on the heart. During this time, the patient is linked to an artificial heart-and-lung machine.

C. T. Loftus, Mercy hospital executive vice president, noted that the hospital's post-operative personnel also play

decisive role in the care of open heart surgery patients.

"Specially-trained intensive care nurses closely watch a patient's recovery in the special Cardio-Care unit after surgery," said Loftus. "Special equipment constantly monitors their progress."

The new open heart surgery service rounds-out the hospital's complete diagnostic and treatment center which is geared to fight heart disease in

the Berrien, Cass and Van Buren county area.

Mercy hospital's tri-county cardiovascular center, under the direction of Dr. Frank H. Bunker, M.D., is a diagnostic facility comparable to those found at major medical centers. It includes a cardiovascular laboratory, computer-linked electrocardiograph facility, special inhalation therapy, emergency room and radiology units, and

the Cardio-Care unit.

The addition of the open heart surgery service enables area heart patients to have diagnostic procedures and, if necessary, either surgical or non-surgical treatment performed close to home, eliminating a potentially dangerous waiting period for treatment as well as the extra expense associated with treatment at a more distant facility.



MATH FIELD DAY: The Twin Cities Area Math Teachers club will sponsor a math field day Saturday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Fairplain Junior high school. Nearly 600 sixth to ninth grade students from 11 area school districts are expected to attend. Math teachers steering committee from left: Ron Dirkse, Lakeshore Junior high school; Mary Reed, Benton Harbor high school; Kathy Perkins, Milton Junior high school; and William E. Bugg, president of the math club from Milton Junior high school.

Math Field Day Drawing 600 Students To Fairplain

Nearly 600 sixth to ninth grade students from 11 area school districts are expected to participate in the third annual Math Field Day, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, at Fairplain Junior high school of the Benton Harbor district.

Having fun with mathematics is the object of the so-called "math-in," according to William Bugg, president of the Twin Cities Area Math Teachers club, sponsors of the event. Bugg said doors to the school at Napier avenue at Colfax avenue, Fairplain, will be open

at 8:45 a.m., and admission is free.

Students may choose one of 17 different types of math-related activities for their first session of one hour. They will select a second area for the second session. The activity areas and teachers leading them are:

Curve stitching, Lou Ann Lawrence of Lake Michigan Catholic school, Don Rose, Benton Harbor, and Gloria Vanderbeck, Lakeshore; line design, Andy Heathcote, Lakeshore, and Al Wetter, St. Joseph; compass construction, Arlene Stacey and Shirley Slansberry, both of Benton Harbor.

Paper polyhedrons, Kathy Perkins, St. Joseph; straw polyhedrons, Tom Porter, Lakeshore; recreational mathematics, Elmer Dobberstein, Michigan Lutheran high school, and Arnold Brant, St. Joseph; mobiles, Bill Wilkinson and Celia Sprague of Lakeshore; space spiders, Muriel Lindsay, Benton Harbor, Dave Hunt, St. Joseph, and Ron Dirkse and Larry Hansen, Lakeshore.

Probability, Jeff and Judy Holden, Benton Harbor; coordinates and graphing, Richard Brame, Benton Harbor; topology, Ed Shaffer,

Lake Michigan college; tangrams, Grace Piontek and William Leedy, Coloma; soma cubes, Dennis Brueck, Lakeshore, and Wendell Martin, Benton Harbor.

Geoboards, Art Schultz, St. Joseph, and Don Milham, Coloma; chess, Allen Beebe, Benton Harbor, and Jim Paulsen, St. Joseph; electronic calculators, Cheryl Lemke, Mary Woo, Ron Sherman, and Mike Ahrens, all of Benton Harbor; and game room, Bruce Swears, Roger Sexton, and Ike Muhlenkamp, of St. Joseph, and Deborah Toney, Benton Harbor.

Assisting Bugg was a steering committee of Mary Reed and Wendell Martin of Benton Harbor, Ron Dirkse of Lakeshore, and Kathy Perkins, St. Joseph. Alex Ramirez of St. Joseph is preparing a take-home packet of math activities, while Kathryn Macklin of Benton Harbor, and Carmen Grandy of St. Joseph, are preparing signs. Traffic will be directed by Donald Buyze and William Snuder of Benton Harbor, and students from Fairplain junior high will serve as pages.

Mrs. Lillian Kerry, retired math teacher from Benton Harbor, will be hostess in the hospitality room.

SJ Scout Troop Back On Griddle

Boy Scouts from Troop 22 will be again showing off their cooking skills when they will prepare and serve pancakes at St. Joseph's First United Methodist Church on Leco Court next Monday evening.

Pancakes with all the trimmings will be served between 5 and 8 p.m. according to Lyle Smith and Dave Bozarth, co-chairmen for this year's pancake supper. This is Troop 22's only fund-raising event and profits are used for scouting activities and summer camping. Troop 22 is one of the oldest in Berrien county and is sponsored by the United Methodist Church. Bob Russell is the Scoutmaster.

Tickets are now being sold by Scouts from Troop 22 or they may be purchased at the church door next Monday evening. Prices are \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for children, and there's a special five dollar ticket which will feed an entire family.

BH Reapportionment Idea Draws Praise At Meeting

By RALPH LUTZ
Staff Writer

Benton Harbor City Charter Commissioner James Murphy submitted a reapportionment plan that was met by fellow commissioners with enthusiasm Wednesday.

No action was taken during the charter commission meeting, but some extemporaneous changes were proposed, and Leslie Cripps, city urban development director, was asked to modify Murphy's plan further.

The plan was a rough draft, showing redrawn ward lines, aimed at conforming to federal and state one-man-one-vote guidelines. When redrawn as an overlay to an existing ward map, there was a great similarity, but each of the three public housing projects was in a separate ward. All are currently in the third ward.

Six other maps showing redrawn lines were drafted by the urban development department, and also were

reviewed. Five resembled the present ward-line plan, but one varied drastically.

This plan showed four wards shaped like rectangles, with each ward sharing common east and west boundaries, the east and west city limits. Boundary lines between wards would be east-west streets.

Presently, the city wards are roughly pie-shaped, with boundary lines tending to resemble spokes of a wheel.

The rectangle version showed First Ward as all of Benton Harbor south of Empire; Ward two, from Empire, north to Britain; ward three, from Britain, north to

Highland, with a slight angle to the east following Ox creek; and the Fourth Ward, north of Highland-Ox Creek.

Cripps said the rectangular plan would have 4,475 persons in First Ward; 4,100 in Second Ward; 4,067 in Third Ward; and 4,008 in Fourth Ward. The greatest population variance would be 467, between wards one and four.

Variations now range up to 4,172 between the Third Ward (6,916) and smallest First Ward (2,744).

Problems with the rectangular plan, would include precinct polling places, it was felt. Also, boundary streets, like Empire, Britain and Highland, would have ward dividing lines down the middle of the streets. This means that persons residing on the north side of Empire would be in ward two, while those on the south side of the same street would be in ward one.

Murphy's estimates in (See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)

Deadline Near On Commercial Plates

The deadline is drawing near and many owners of commercial vehicles don't appear to be paying heed, says Jack Carter, manager of the auto license bureau at 239 Pipestone street.

Carter noted that Wednesday, Feb. 28, is the deadline for 1973 plates on trucks, trailers and other commercial vehicles.

Passenger cars and motorcycles get a month longer reprieve to March 31.

Photography Firm

Warnock Acquires Doerr & Associates

Lee G. Warnock, president of Photography, Inc., announced today that Photography, Inc., has acquired R. W. Doerr and Associates of St. Joseph.

Photography, Inc., has moved from Benton Harbor to the former Doerr quarters at 614 Pleasant street, St. Joseph.

Warnock said the combination will provide complete photography and photo reproduction service — including commercial photography, photostats, copy negatives, blueprints, xerox copies, engineering and architectural reproductions.

The Doerr firm is noted for its mural-size blowups, a service that will be continued by Photography, Inc.

Robert W. Doerr and his wife, Phyllis, who began the business 27 years ago, are retiring. Warnock, with more than 15 years in commercial photography, will continue as chief photographer and general



LEE WARNOCK
manager of the expanded Photography, Inc.

Six Cars Pile Up On Hill

A snowfall yesterday and overnight left Twin Cities area roads slick and icy, but local police reported no serious injury accidents.

Benton Harbor police, however, at 9:03 p.m. investigated a six-car chain reaction accident on Jefferson street near Highland avenue.

Police said a car driven by Sam L. Buchanan, 20, of 399 Felton avenue, Benton township, was going down the steep Jefferson hill, when the car slid into one driven by Napoleon L. Foster, 25, of Fort Wayne, Ind.

Four other cars behind Buchanan's then piled up in turn, police said. Drivers of the other vehicles were identified as Edward E. Meridy, 34, 719 Buss, Benton Harbor; Frank L. Stockard, 33, Alton, Ill.; Leandra Pulliam, 21, 243 Burton, Benton township; and James Johnson, 37, 965 Jennings, Benton Harbor.

No ticket was issued, due to the street condition, according to police.



COLONEL CITED: Maj. H. A. Stull (left), USA, adviser to Michigan National Guard, presents certificate denoting Meritorious Service Medal to Col. Gerald V. Cosgrove, USA retired, of Stevensville. Col. Cosgrove is wearing medal which he earned for duty as Army attache at U.S. embassy, Amman, Jordan, 1967-70. Col. Cosgrove was responsible for intelligence reporting. The citation said his knowledge of the military-political situation in Jordan and the Middle East bordered "on the incredible." Cosgrove retired after 30 years. Presentation was made at Stevensville American Legion Post 568. (Staff photo)



SERVICE AWARD: Richard Bus, South Haven township supervisor, presents award for 46 years of service to retiring Van Buren road commission employee Orlo Vanderboegh during township board meeting last night. Vanderboegh served as superintendent of road commission's western division from 1926 until retirement last month. (Dorothea Logan photo)

Mild Winter Worries Area Fruit Growers Kerlikowske Wins Peach Award

By ALAN AREND
Staff Writer

HARTFORD — Area peach growers once again find themselves playing "Russian Roulette" with Ol' Man Winter.

Many expressed concern over the unseasonably mild winter thus far, and fear a sudden drop in temperature could again wipe out their crop, unless a gradual cold trend sends their trees back into the dormant state.

Approximately 125 growers attended a Peach Day meeting at Galati's Restaurant here, Wednesday, to hear speakers discuss problems of the industry. They also paid a tribute to Erich Kerlikowske, Coloma grower, for his years of service in various capacities to the Michigan peach industry.

In January of 1972, a severe cold snap which sent temperatures into the 20-below-

zero range, wiped out the 1972 peach crop in southwestern Michigan.

Now, growers once again face a dangerous situation as the mild winter of 1973 has caused buds to begin development early and tree sap to become active. "What we need is a few days of temperatures in the 20's to send the buds back into dormancy," Harvey Belter, Berrien county horticultural agent, said. "As long as we have freezing nights, with no severe drop in temperature, say from 30 to zero, we'll be alright." Some snow cover would also provide insurance.

Another peach crop failure could spell financial disaster for many area growers. Many other crops are in the same situation, but peaches "are the most vulnerable now," Belter said. "Strawberries are also

sitting ducks," he added.

Kerlikowske, 77, was named recipient of the Michigan Peach Sponsors first annual Outstanding Service Award. He received a citation making him a life-time member of the association's board of directors and honoring his many services performed on behalf of the Michigan peach industry.

A list of Kerlikowske's accomplishments in behalf of the peach industry were listed on the citation. They included:

A member of the U.S. Price Control Board for peaches and other food items during World War II.

A leader in securing prisoner-of-war farm labor during World War II and migrant labor during the post-war period.

Among the original organizers of the National Peach Council and third

president of that organization.

Active in organizing the Michigan Fruit Sponsors, the forerunner of the Michigan Peach Sponsors.

A grower representative on variety evaluation team for testing Haven peach variety selections developed at the South Haven Experiment Station.

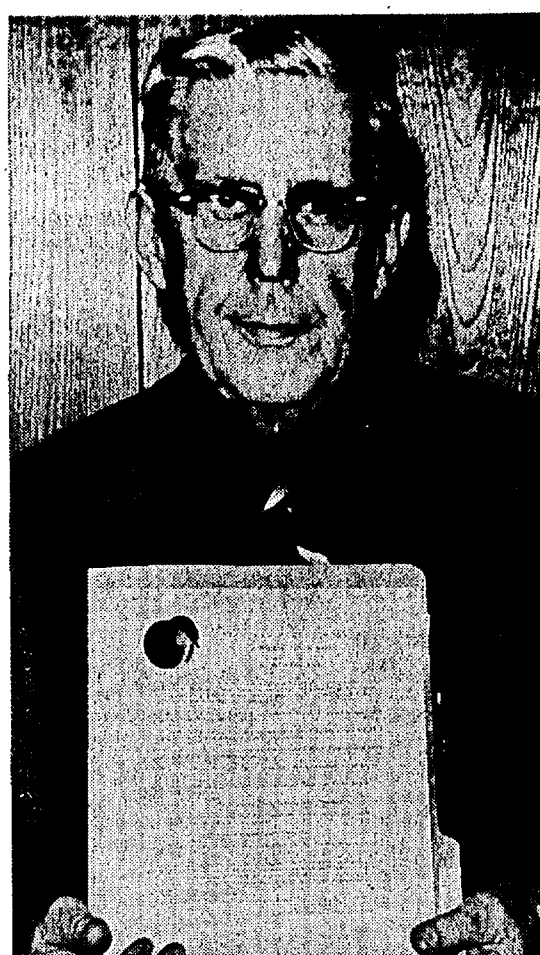
A former member of the Michigan State Agriculture commission.

A leader in introducing the "4-bushel wirebound peach crate to replace the bushel basket in marketing channels.

A long-time director of the Michigan Peach Sponsors.

Instrumental in securing relocation of the Benton Harbor fruit market.

A past president of the Michigan State Horticultural society.



HONORED: Erich Kerlikowske of Coloma, for many years the "peach king" of southwestern Michigan, was honored Wednesday at meeting of area's peach producers. He was presented first annual Outstanding Service award of Michigan Peach Sponsors for a lifetime of service to the peach industry. Award was presented by John Nye, St. Joseph, president of Peach Sponsors. (Staff photo).

Township Likely To Get Funds At South Haven

SOUTH HAVEN — Prospects of South Haven township receiving federal and or state aid for a proposed sanitary sewer and water system were described as excellent for the township board last night.

Supervisor Richard Bus, in describing the status, reported the township's proposal for aid

has been ranked 36th among 350 projects submitted to the state Department of Natural Resources.

The proposed project calls for the township to attach lines to the city of South Haven system. It is not expected to begin before the 1974-75 fiscal year.

In other areas, the board voted to again hire the accounting firm of Seidman and Seidman of St. Joseph to conduct the audit.

The board reported that the Indiana & Michigan Electric company will install street lights on 24th avenue at the intersections of M-140, 72nd, 74th, 75th and 76th streets. South Haven and Covert townships will share the \$45 per month expense.

Clerk Franklin Torp reported that a third voting precinct will have to be created prior to the next election. Torp said that state election laws limit the number of persons in a precinct to 1,400 while one of the township's precincts in the last election totaled 1,618 persons. He said persons affected will be notified by mail.

Treasurer Lucille Breen reported that 52 per cent of the winter tax has been collected.

The board extended its appreciation to local veterinarian James Fox who donated his time to a dog inoculation clinic at the township hall last month.

Sixty-two dogs were given shots with the proceeds collected (\$306) being contributed to various charitable organizations designated by the owners.

The board of review will be in session at the township hall on March 6, 12 and 13.

Weesaw Purchases Police Car

NEW TROY — Purchase of new township police car was approved by the Weesaw township board last night.

The board approved a committee recommendation that it buy a 1973 Plymouth Fury from Roti Motors, Benton Harbor, for \$3,377.

In other business, the board authorized Robert Wycoff, building inspector and a township fireman, to prepare plans for a possible addition to the township fire station.

The addition would be for more space for fire vehicles and ambulances. Firemen were authorized by the board last month to investigate the possibility of an addition.

Fire department spokesman Craig Smith suggested to the board that a gasoline tank and pump be installed at the station.

Supervisor Allen Boyd told Smith to investigate the cost and possible locations of a tank and pump.



BUCHANAN HOSPITAL PROJECT: Buchanan township and city officials have reached tentative accord on extending city sewer line to Buchanan hospital located in township. Agreement came at meeting Tuesday among city, township and state health

officials. Adequate sewage disposal was being required by state before renewing hospital's operating license. Current license was to have expired March 1. (Staff photo)

LMC Administrators Answer Blast From Faculty About Supervisors

The Lake Michigan college administration issued a statement Thursday detailing the numbers of administrators and full-time and part-time instructors on the college staff.

The statement follows a recent faculty statement about the ratio of administrators to teachers at the institution.

LMC has a present teaching staff of 198 teachers—68 full-time and 130 part-time—and 16 administrators, the statement reported. It said the head librarian is included in the count of administrators.

"It appears recent public statement by full-time teachers at the college reflects a misunderstanding of the nature of the college, and its personnel requirements."

The remainder of the statement is as follows:

"Lake Michigan college is a comprehensive community college. The two-year transfer program—where most full-time faculty members teach—is but one of three divisions of

the college. "At least equally important as the two-year transfer

Fogarty Fire Union President

Benton Harbor firemen Tuesday elected Thomas Fogarty president for the coming year of Local 685 of the International Association of Firefighters.

Also elected at the regular monthly meeting were Steve Kirby, vice-president; and William Klopp, secretary-treasurer.

Local 685 is the sole bargaining agent for Benton Harbor firemen. Named as representatives for negotiating the firemen's 1973 contract were James Collis, Grover Loggains, and Kirby.

division are the technical and community services divisions. "The genius of the community college is that, unlike the traditional college, it is free to respond and adjust to the needs of its own community. It exists for people—old and young. It seeks to reach all people for their improvement and happiness."

"The college operates from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Fridays 5 p.m. There is also a summer school. "Most full-time teachers and some part-time teachers work in the day time. Most part-time teachers teach in the evening."

"There are 3,082 students attending Lake Michigan college (fall, 1972). More than half of these students attend classes in the evening."

"The college uses the services of its full-time teachers in the transfer and technical divisions. It also employs the talents of citizens of the district as instructors on a part-time basis."

"Division heads are part-

time administrators who teach full time. For this reason they are not listed on the college list as administrators."

"Administrators are employed on a 12-month basis to operate the college, render student services, obtain available moneys, manage college finances, oversee construction, supervise maintenance, determine community needs and proper college response, plan for the near and far future and expansion of services."

HALT JURY TRIALS
PONTIAC, Mich. (AP)—There will be no jury trials until jurors get better facilities, Pontiac's four district court judges said Wednesday.

"We've been asking (the city) for decent facilities for years," 50th District Court Presiding Judge Robert E. Cunningham said. "Half the town is vacant and all we need is any place with enough floor space."

Migrant Health Services Return Under New Name

The Berrien county health department is "out" and a new consumer-oriented nonprofit agency it helped create is "in" as grant applicant for hundreds of thousands of dollars in federal 1973 migrant health funds.

The county health board learned Wednesday that federal regulations now require grant applicants to have consumer-dominated boards and that the health board doesn't qualify.

However, Berrien-Cass-Van Buren Health Services, Inc. (BCV) will replace the department as grant applicant and will spend migrant health money through the department for 1973, board members were told.

The health department has run migrant health programs here for the past six years and last year operated a program in Berrien, Cass, Van Buren, Allegan and Ottawa counties.

The health department has no migrants on its five-member board—appointed by the county board of commissioners—and can't even apply for the 1973 grant, according to Jerry Erickson, department administrator.

"We've seen the trend coming for several years," he said later. "They've been talking about it for a long time and now they're implementing it."

The 1973 migrant health grant BCV voted to apply for Wednesday is \$475,000, or "10 per cent light" compared to 1972 because it will not be possible to apply for indirect funding for telephones, electricity, etc., according to Dr.

Robert P. Locey, health department director.

He recommended to BCV board members that they run the 1973 program much as in 1972.

Meeting after the county health board, a light turnout from the BCV board of directors approved a "statement of agreement" between the health department and BCV saying BCV is prepared to negotiate and sign contracts with the health department to prepare a budget for migrant health services for June 1, 1973-May 31, 1974.

Last month the health board signed resolutions turning over two of its primary care or family health clinics, one at Dowagiac and one in the making at Berrien General hospital, to BCV.

BCV will use up to half of Dr. Locey's time, at a salary set by the health department, to run the clinics. It takes over the clinics March 1.

Board members indicated, however, that the resolution may be brought up at a later meeting because of two divergent philosophies for picking migrant representatives.

The BCV board Wednesday also named Dr. Locey its "project director" authorized to sign grant applications but delayed naming Charles White the executive director pending the outlining of his duties. It also voted to apply for \$45,000 in federal rural health fund grants for use in part to pay BCV staff salaries.

Watervliet Project Short Of Money

By DILL RUSH
Staff Writer

Additional construction costs on the \$3.4 million Watervliet township sewage collection system have left the project at least \$100,000 short of funds, according to an estimate by the Berrien county board of public works (BPW).

The BPW said Wednesday it would notify the Watervliet township board of trustees so the township can make additional financial arrangements to offset the deficiency in funds.

The project has a nearly \$1 million state grant that is fixed and the board can't hope for any more grants at this time, Thomas Sinn, county planning director, told the BPW.

Herbert Seeder, BPW chairman, said the shortage of funds probably means an extra assessment by Watervliet township will be necessary, perhaps through an additional bond sale.

The project is running more than \$200,000 above estimated cost due to the need to lay 28,000 feet of pipeline, out of a total of 118,000 linear feet, below water level.

Richard Stebbins, a representative of the contracting firm of Reed and Noyce & Associates of Lansing, said that a contingency fund totalling two per cent of the project will meet part of the extra construction costs.

The project required 19,000 cubic yards of crushed stone at a cost of \$92,000 to stabilize trenches under water in order to lay pipe, Stebbins said. "There is no way any engineer can tell how much stone will be needed until work begins underground," he added.

Stebbins said Reed and Noyce spent \$220,000 out of its own pocket on dewatering devices, but found some areas too resistant and had to resort to the crushed stone. The stone forms a stable base for the pipe which otherwise sinks below grade level.

The Watervliet township sewage collection system is nearly complete but has to wait to tie into the sewage treatment plant and sewer interceptor still under construction as part of a total Paw Paw Lake sanitary sewer project.

The BPW also approved the \$3.5 million Lake township

water supply system contract which still needs approval from the Berrien county board of commissioners.

The contract involves authorization of a bond sale to defray cost of the water supply system, which includes \$2,760,000 in construction cost, \$199,000 in engineering fees, \$332,500 in capitalized interest, \$120,000 in capitalized operating expenses and \$60,000 in initial operating equipment.

The water project involves a water treatment plant and pumping station south of Livingston road by Red Arrow highway, an intake well and raw water pumping station north of Livingston road on Lake Michigan plus water transmission mains.

In other business, the BPW authorized its attorney, Joseph Killian of St. Joseph, to begin condemnation proceedings on 35 acres of land for construction of a sewage disposal plant for the New Buffalo area.

Condemnation proceedings will involve two parcels of land north of Kruger road and south of the Gallen river in New Buffalo township.

Bloom'dale To Hold Male 'Beauty' Event

BLOOMINGDALE — The Bloomingdale blossom queen contest committee is staging a male "beauty" contest Feb. 17, to help raise funds for this year's Miss Bloomingdale queen contest.

According to committee spokesman, the contest is open to any man in the Bloomingdale area regardless of age.

Admission prices will be \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for students and 50 cents for children five and under.

The contest is to be held in the Bloomingdale elementary gymnasium starting at 8 p.m.

This year's Miss Bloomingdale contest is to be held March 24 in the high school gym.